

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

ROBERT SMITH Jr.,

Plaintiff,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE AND  
SERGEANT R. ROBERTS,

Defendants.

Case No. C06-5635RJB

ORDER CHANGING THE CASE  
CAPTION AND DIRECTING  
SERVICE

This civil rights action has been referred to the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B). Plaintiff was given leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Dkt. # 14). Plaintiff has filed an amended complaint in which he names the defendants as plaintiff and himself as defendant (Dkt. # 18). The person who brings a legal action is the plaintiff. Here, Mr. Smith is the plaintiff. The court directs Mr. Smith to use the case caption on this order as the caption for all future pleadings.

Other than the caption the amended complaint is acceptable. Mr. Smith has previously provided a summons and service documents for defendant Roberts. There are no summons or service documents for the State of Washington. The clerk is directed to send a courtesy copy of the complaint to the Washington State Attorney General's Office Criminal Justice Division and, the clerk is directed to effect service as provided below on defendant Roberts.

(l) Service by United States Marshal.

It is hereby ORDERED that the United States Marshal shall send the following to each

1 named defendant for whom there is a filled out service form by first class mail: a copy of the  
2 complaint and of this Order, two copies of the Notice of Lawsuit and Request for Waiver of Service  
3 of Summons, a Waiver of Service of Summons, and a return envelope, postage prepaid, addressed to  
4 the Clerk's Office. All costs of service shall be advanced by the United States. The Clerk shall  
5 assemble the necessary documents to effect service.

6 (2) Response Required

7 Defendants shall have **thirty (30) days** within which to return the enclosed Waiver of Service  
8 of Summons. Each defendant who timely returns the signed Waiver shall have **sixty (60) days** after  
9 the date designated on the Notice of Lawsuit to file and serve an answer or a motion directed to the  
10 complaint, as permitted by Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

11 Any defendant who fails to timely return the signed Waiver will be personally served with a  
12 summons and complaint, and may be required to pay the full costs of such service, pursuant to Rule  
13 4(d)(2). A defendant who has been personally served shall file an answer or motion permitted under  
14 Rule 12 within **thirty (30) days** after service.

15 (3) Filing and Service by Parties, Generally.

16 All original documents and papers submitted for consideration by the court in this case, are to  
17 be filed with the Clerk of this court. The originals of all such papers shall indicate in the upper right-  
18 hand corner the name of the Magistrate Judge to whom the copies are to be delivered. The papers  
19 shall be accompanied by proof that such documents have been served upon counsel for the opposing  
20 party (or upon any party acting *pro se*). The proof shall show the day and manner of service and  
21 may be written acknowledgment of service, by certificate of a member of the bar of this court, or by  
22 affidavit of the person who served the papers.

23 (4) Motions.

24 Any request for court action shall be set forth in a motion, properly filed and served. The  
25 motion shall include in its caption (immediately below the title of the motion) a designation of the  
26 Friday upon which the motion is to be noted upon the court's calendar. That date shall be the third  
27 Friday following filing of the motion (fourth Friday for Motions for Summary Judgment). All briefs

1 and affidavits in opposition to any motion shall be filed and served not later than 4:30 p.m. on the  
2 Monday immediately preceding the Friday appointed for consideration of the motion. If a party fails  
3 to file and serve timely opposition to a motion, the court may deem any opposition to be without  
4 merit. The party making the motion may file, not later than 4:30 p.m. on the Thursday immediately  
5 preceding the Friday designated for consideration of the motion, a response to the opposing party's  
6 briefs and affidavits.

7 (5) Motions for Summary Judgment

8 If one of the parties files a motion for summary judgment pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil  
9 Procedure 56, the opposing party should acquaint him/herself with Rule 56. Rule 56 requires a  
10 nonmoving party to submit affidavits or other evidence in opposition to a motion for summary  
11 judgment if the moving party has shown the absence of issues of material fact and an entitlement to  
12 judgment as a matter of law. A nonmoving party may not rest upon the mere allegations or denials  
13 of prior pleadings. Rather, successful opposition to a motion for summary judgment requires the  
14 nonmoving party to set forth, through affidavits or other evidence, specific facts showing a genuine  
15 issue for trial. Failure by the nonmoving party to oppose a summary judgment motion or to present  
16 counter evidence could result in the Court accepting the moving party's evidence as the truth, and  
17 entering final judgment in favor of the moving party without a full trial. Rand v. Rowland, 113 F.3d  
18 1520 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997).

19 (6) Direct Communications with District Judge or Magistrate Judge

20 No direct communication is to take place with the District Judge or Magistrate Judge with  
21 regard to this case. All relevant information and papers are to be directed to the Clerk.

22 (7) Clerk's Action

23 The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order and of the General Order issued by the  
24 Magistrate Judges to plaintiff.

25 DATED this 27 day of February, 2007.

26 /S/ J. Kelley Arnold  
27 J. Kelley Arnold  
United States Magistrate Judge